



AN INVASION OF GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLETS

About the middle of November reports of Golden-crowned Kinglets began coming in from many localities. Mrs. Estella Bruce saw about twelve in her garden, 6447 Gwinn Rd., Nov. 11, Oakland. Mrs. Marion Zimmermann, 29 Blachford Cr., Oakland reports this species in her garden Nov. 14, 19, 26, last date Dec. 1. Mrs. Roberta Long, 45 Clarendon Ave., San Francisco reported the species in her garden on about the same dates. The writer saw them in Ross, Golden Gate Park, Tilden Park, in fact on almost every field trip in Nov. and Dec. They were again reported in Jan. by Mrs. Neill Johnson, 7 Summit Rd., Berkeley and on Feb. 14 at same address by Russell Pray. In the fall of 1944 there was a similar invasion of this species.

— JUNE A. W. KELLY

TOMALES BAY TRIP

The trip on Sunday, January 14 was a great success, as it was last year. We were happy to have members of the Sacramento Audubon Society with us. The weather was unusually fine and the birding excellent. About 60 attended.

The following 85 species were reported:

Common, Pacific and red-th. loon; red-nk., (Holboell), horned, eared, west, and pied-bl. grebe; white and Calif. br. pelican; db.-cr., Brandt, and pelagic (Baird) cormorant; gt. blue heron; Amer. egret; baldpate, pintail, red-head, canvas-back, scaup (sp.?), Amer. golden-eye, buffle-head, old-squaw, harlequin, wh-wing and surf scoter, ruddy, and red-br. merganser; turkey vulture; sh-shinned, red-tailed, marsh, osprey, duck, and sparrow hawk; Calif. quail; coot; bl. oyster-catcher; killdeer; red-bell. plover; surf-bird; ruddy and bk. turnstone; spotted sandpiper; gl. wg., west., Herring, Calif., ring-bl., Heerman and Bonaparte gull; Calif. murre; pigeon guillemot; horned owl; Anna hummingbird; red-sh. flicker; red-br. sapsucker; downy woodpecker; bk. and Say phoebe; scrub (Calif.) jay; raven; crow; ch.-bk chickadee; bush-tit; pygmy nuthatch; wren-tit; robin; varied thrush; west. bluebird; ruby-cr. kinglet; Calif. shrike; Audubon and Townsend warbler; house sparrow; meadowlark; red-wg. and Brewer blackbird; cowbird; house finch; pine siskin; br. towhee; lark, wh-cr. and song sparrow.

— KEN SCHULZ, *Historian*

AQUATIC PARK TRIP

On Saturday, February 24, field trip was taken to Berkeley Aquatic Park, and the territory at the northern end of the race track. An excellent study of seven species of gulls including the Short-billed Gull was enjoyed by the group. Close up views of American Golden-eye and Bufflehead Ducks were had.

White-winged and Surf Scoters were seen in considerable numbers in the bay off the race track.

Several members of the group walked out onto the Berkeley Pier and Yacht Harbor. The "Crests" of the Double-crested Cormorants were plainly visible on the birds seen on some of the rocks silhouetted against the afternoon sun.

Thirty-one members and friends participated in the trip which is about twice the number that took part last year.

The weather was clear with a cool breeze coming off the bay.

A total of 37 species of birds were observed.

— HAROLD G. PETERSON, *Leader and Historian*

CALAVERAS RESERVOIR TRIP

About 45 persons met at the Sunol Water Temple on March 11 for a full day of birding in the vicinity of Calaveras Reservoir.

The weather was clear and on the southern exposures it was warm.

As usual on this, Golden Eagles and Lewis Woodpeckers were seen. While the group was eating lunch two Eagles were in sight for a time and performed that portion of the courtship ritual which consists of one bird pulling up into a stall, closing the wings completely and diving steeply in the general direction of its mate. For those who walked on up the Arroyo Hondo a short distance, one Eagle put on quite a show, sailing not only above but also at eye level and some hundreds of yards below. The bird also perched on the upturned roots of a fallen tree and tore at some unknown food, giving a fair view of the "golden" buffy color of the neck feathers.

A female Sparrowhawk was seen carrying what appeared to be a Ring-necked Snake.

The following 61 species were observed:

Double-cr. cormorant; great blue heron; mallard, wood duck, Am. merganser; turkey vulture; Cooper, red-tailed and sparrow hawk; golden eagle; Calif. quail; killdeer; glaucous-winged gull; mourning dove; white-thr. swift; belted kingfisher; red-sh. flicker; Calif., Lewis, hairy, and downy woodpecker; red br. sapsucker; black and Say phoebe; violet-gr., tree, and cliff swallow; Steller and scrub jay; yellow-b. magpie; crow; plain titmouse; bush-tit; white-br. nuthatch; wren-tit; Bewick and rock wren; Calif. thrasher; robin; western bluebird; ruby-cr. kinglet; cedar waxwing; shrike; myrtle and Audubon warbler; western meadowlark; red-wing and Brewer blackbird; Calif. purple finch; house finch; pine siskin; green-bk. goldfinch; sp. and br. towhee; Oregon junco; lark, rufous-cr., white-cr., golden-cr., fox and song sparrow.

— HARRY C. ADAMSON, *Leader and Historian*

NEW MEMBERS. We welcome the following; from San Francisco, Mrs. Frances P. Braun, Ruth D. Faulh, Jacob L. Mathis III; from Oakland, Mr. Arthur R. Andersen, Mr. & Mrs. James N. Bartel, Mrs. Alice D. Sargent; from Berkeley, Mrs. Phillip S. Breck Sr., Mrs. L. S. Sheldon; from Richmond, Miss Edith A. Stice; from Martinez, Mr. Ferdinand S. Ruth.

OAKLAND MEMBERS. Last month it took the Oakland post office 13 days to deliver your "Gull". If each one would write a letter of protest to that post office and to the Chamber of Commerce, the service might improve.

OBSERVATIONS—edited by Mrs. June W. Kelly.

Allen Hummingbird, Feb. 18 Golden Gate Park, Miss Florence Plymell.
Allen Hummingbird, Feb. 20, 48 Highgate Rd., Berkeley, Mrs. Sophie Stueben. After the above dates many reports came to hand.

1 Holboell Grebe, Feb. 22, Santa Cruz; 1 Pigmy Nuthatch, Feb. 18, Lake Pillsbury; 4 Cinnamon Teal, Feb. 22, Lagoon near Pescadero; 3 Great Horned Owls, Feb. 3, near Jewel Lake, Berkeley; A. Laurence Curl. 1 Black-headed Grosbeak, female or juvenal male first seen at 662 Santa Rosa Ave., Berkeley, Jan. 1, banded at same address, Jan. 30, last observation at 85 Menlo Place, Berkeley, Mar. 13. The banded Lincoln Sparrow reported in March Gull still at 662 Santa Rosa Ave. Mar. 15: Russell Pray. Saw-whet Owl 1/8 mile north of Jewel Lake in eucalyptus tree, Mar. 17, Seth Bailey. 1 short-eared Owl 3 miles north of Highway 17 near San Jose, Mar. 11, Ken Schulz.

Anna Hummingbird building nest Feb. 28, St. Mary's, Mrs. Harold P. Henningsen. (The writer on Mar. 17 found the nest abandoned.)

2 Chipping Sparrows, Feb. 21, Mt. Diablo; Lutescent Warblers, Jewel Lake, Mar. 14; 12 Ruddy Turnstones, 6 Long-billed Curlew; 2 Clapper Rails, Mar. 10, Bay Farm Island; 4 Horned Larks, St. Mary's, 1 male and 5 female Hooded Mergansers still on Orinda Lake Mar. 17. June W. Kelley.

A belated report—a Hooded Oriole on the Campus of the San Francisco State College, Haight at Buchanan Sts., San Francisco on May 8, 1950. Gordon L. Bolander. Mr. Bolander states that as far as he knows this is the first record of this species for the county.

NATURAL HISTORY LECTURES. May 6, (Sunday) 3:30 p.m. in the Brazilian Room, Regional Park, "And They Came by Twos." Prof. H. E. McMin of the Dept. of Botany, Mills College. Emphasis on plants of Regional Park.

May 18, (Friday) 8:00 p.m. in the Lecture Hall in Tilden Nature Area. "Reptiles and Amphibians." Robert Stebbins of U.C. Dept. of Zoology.

GOLDEN GATE AUDUBON SOCIETY*Condensed Treasurer's Report for 1950***FINANCIAL STATEMENT:**

Balance on hand January 1, 1950.....	\$ 704.17	
Receipts in 1950.....	3120.79	\$3824.96
Expenditures in 1950.....	\$1808.94	
Balance in commercial account January 1, 1951.....	2016.02	\$3824.96

TOTAL ASSETS:

Commercial account	\$2016.02	
Savings account	68.16	
U. S. Treasury Bond.....	370.00	\$2454.18

MEMBERSHIP:

Membership in force December 31, 1949.....	377
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Signed: Ivander MacIver, *Treasurer*.

Approved: Harold G. Peterson, *Auditor*.

January 29, 1951.

APRIL MEETING

The 403rd meeting of the Golden Gate Audubon Society will be held on April 12th at the OAKLAND PUBLIC MUSEUM, Lake Merritt, Oak and 14th Sts., at 7:30 p.m. Following the business meeting, Dr. T. Eric Reynolds will speak on "Bird Observations in Lower California". The public is cordially invited. No-host dinner at Zerikote's at 6 p.m.

MRS. FRANK A. SCOTT, *Program Chairman*

April — McCOY RANCH — Trip

On Sunday, April 15, to the McCoy Ranch and Arroyo Mocho south of Livermore. Here is a good place to see the phainopepla and other birds of the drier coast ranges. Those needing rides and those with space in their cars meet at University and Shattuck in Berkeley at 8:00 a.m. (From San Francisco take 7:32 "F" train). Meet at the flagpole on First Street in Livermore at 9:00 a.m., then go south on South Livermore Ave., Telsa Road and Mines Road to the McCoy Ranch. Leader, Kenneth Schulz, KE. 2-5552. Bring lunch, binoculars and interested friends.

April — ALAMEDA — Trip

On Saturday, April 21, to Bay Farm Island, Alameda. The shore birds should be in good plumage at this time of year. Meet at Lincoln Park at 1:45 (Daylight Saving Time). From San Francisco take "O" bus at 1:10 p.m. and get off at Santa Clara and High Streets; from the East Bay take bus 51 or 52. Leader, Harold Peterson, LO. 8-7534. Bring binoculars, telescope, and interested friends.

PINNACLES NATIONAL MONUMENT TRIP

On April 28 and 29. Come visit a spectacular National Monument and perhaps see duck hawks, prairie falcons, and canyon wrens. This trip is especially planned for the younger members and others who enjoy camping. There are no cabins or food available at the Monument. For those who prefer not to camp, CSAA recommended accommodations are at King City and Hollister, about 33 miles away. Driving distance from Oakland about 120 miles. On Saturday there will be a trip to the Old Caves at 1:00 p.m., and on Sunday there will be a hike over the spectacular High Peaks Trail (with a climb of about 1300 feet) at 8:30 a.m. Both trips will start at the Monument Headquarters. Leaders, Harry Adamson, TH. 3-9578, and Kenneth Schulz, KE. 2-5552. Bring camping equipment (the nights are apt to be chilly) and food for four meals, binoculars, etc.

— A. LAURENCE CURL

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